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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed Februay 27, 2003 to thereby extend the period for response to August 27, 2003. Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$465.00 to cover the smallentity fee associated with such an extension of time. If any additional fee is required, please accept this as authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1631. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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